

Docket Item # 3
BAR CASE # 2007-0075

BAR Meeting
May 16, 2007

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Fred Scheigart
LOCATION: 123 South Pitt Street
ZONE: RM/residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a certificate of appropriateness to install handrails on the steps leading to the kitchen door of the mid-19th century frame house at 123 South Pitt Street. The proposed ornamental iron handrails will have straight pickets, ball finials and lambs tongue returns. They will be anchored in the existing brick steps.

The steps in question face a small court parallel to King Street, rather than Pitt Street, but are readily visible from the public right-of-way.

II. HISTORY:

According to Ethelyn Cox in Historic Alexandria Virginia: Street by Street, the two-and-one-half story frame house was constructed between 1844 and 1874 by either William Gregory or Benjamin Hughes (p. 106).

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed handrail complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed handrails. The simple iron handrails are appropriate in design and material for the mid-19th century house and surrounding district and comply with the *Design Guidelines* (Stoops, Steps & Railings).

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

Code Enforcement:

C-1 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

Historic Alexandria:

No comments.